

## **CLAIMS:**

1. A method of creating a printer port in a Windows™ 2000 environment, comprising the steps of:

using a XcvData function incidental to an AddPort command;

inserting into the XcvData function, in the location for a plInputData parameter, a pointer to a data structure.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of

inserting into the XcvData function, in the location for a pcbOutputNeeded parameter, a pointer to a buffer.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the data structure is a PORT\_DATA\_1 structure incidental to the AddPort command.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of supplying dwBufReq = 0 to the XcvData function.